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III.—HOLIDAY FOR COUNCIL ON ACCOUNT OF RAMZAN I D.

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—" Mr. President, Sir, with your permission, I should like to move that this Council do not sit on Friday next. My reason for making this motion is that Saturday next is a holiday on account of Ramzan Id, and if by chance, the moon appears on Thursday evening, this Council will not sit on Friday next because that will become a holiday on account of Ramzan Id falling on that day. But I want that the Council should make up its mind not to sit on Friday, so that the Council may have proper notice for not sitting on Friday. Besides this, Sir, the Council should not sit on the day previous to an important holiday like that of Id. Because the Mussalman Members of this Council would wish to go home and be present on the great day at their homes; and if they want to do so, they have to start a day earlier. If they start on Friday they will not reach home till about 1 o'clock or 2 o'clock and in the case of some places in Malabar till 3 o'clock in the afternoon on the holiday. So, for these reasons, I move—

' *that the Council do not sit on Friday next* '."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" I second it."

* The hon. the President:—" This is not a regular motion and need not be seconded."

The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I have no objection."

Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I have no objection. I suppose both Friday and Saturday will be holidays. Saturday is already a public holiday, and the proposal now is to have Friday as a holiday. I take it that this is in addition to Saturday."

The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" It is in addition to Saturday."

Dr. P. Subbarayan:—" I agree to the proposal."

The proposal was agreed to.

IV.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" Sir, I beg to move—

' *that with a view to the filling up of the vacancy in the Standing Finance Committee caused by reason of the seat of Mr. F. E. James having been declared vacant on account of his election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and his taking his oath of allegiance as such Member, this Council do proceed to elect a Member of the said Committee.*' "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the President:—" I have to inform the House that in accordance with the regulations framed under Standing Order No. 80 for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote,

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I fix 3 p.m. to-day as the time by which nominations of candidates for election of a Member to the Finance Committee should be sent to the Secretary. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, namely, one, there will be an election between 2-30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to-morrow."

V.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908 (BILL No. 12 OF 1931).

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

'*that the consideration of the next item of business be postponed to Monday next*'.

" My reason for making this motion is that when I was coming into this Chamber just now, certain proposals were made to me in connexion with this Bill and the Government would like to have time to consider those proposals; and we hope to be able to make an announcement on Monday next."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I second it."

The motion was carried and the consideration of the Bill to amend the Madras Estates Land Act was postponed to Monday next.

VI.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS COURT OF WARDS ACT, 1902 (BILL No. 6 OF 1932).

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill [a] further to amend the Madras Court of Wards Act, 1902, for certain purposes and move—

'*that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

" This Bill is intended to apply to this Province a provision relating to the powers of the Court of Wards with reference to its control of expenditure by the wards. The Madras Court of Wards makes suitable allowances to its wards but has recently had to meet certain claims made against an estate on account of the expenditure incurred by a ward to whom a liberal allowance was made. This has happened on more than one occasion. In the Central Provinces this difficulty has been met by a provision in the Act that properties of wards shall not be liable under section 68 of the Indian Contract Act, but power has been reserved to the Court of Wards to meet such claims in whole or in part in proper cases. This latter proviso enables any unusual expenditure properly incurred by a ward in an emergency to be met by the Court of Wards from the estate funds. It is proposed to make similar amendments in the Madras Court of Wards Act."

* Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg leave to move the amendment standing in my name, viz.—

'*that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—The hon. the Revenue Member, the*

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